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For: SUPER HARD AND TOUGH NANO-CRYSTAL AUSTENITE STEEL BULK
MATERIAL WITH AN IMPROVED CORROSION RESISTANCE, AND ITS
PREPARATION PROCESS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Species Election Requirement
mailed June 30, 2008, applicant elects Group I, claims 1-19.

Applicant further elects species 1a, claims 1, and 6-19
readable thereon.

Applicant elects with traverse, in that it is submitted that
the searches and examination would be similar, so it is believed
that the claims should be examined together.

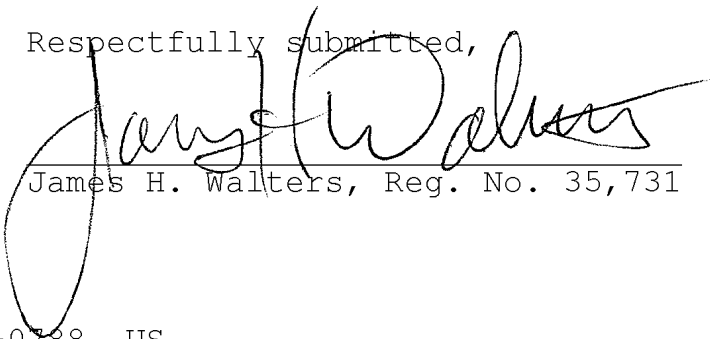
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